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SUBJECT: F-16'S FOR KOREA
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1. ON JUNE 5 SECRETARIES BROWN AND VANCE REACHED AN
AGREED DECISION ON THE PENDING ROK REQUEST FOR AN
LOA COVERING 60 F-16 AIRCRAFT. WE WILL REAFFIRM OUR
AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, FIRST CONVEYED BY SECRETARY
BROWN AT THE TENTH SCM, TO SELL THE F-16 TO KOREA.
WHILE DECLINING TO ISSUE THE LOA NOW, WE WILL INFORM THE
ROK THAT WE WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST AGAIN AT A LATER
DATE. -

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S ADVICE ON HOW
BEST TO CONVEY THIS DECISION TO THE KOREANS. BEYOND OUR
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VIEW THAT THE NEWS SHOULD BE CONVEYED IN SEOUL, WE ARE
OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS ON TIMING, FORMAT AND LEVEL OF
PRESENTATION. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD ACT WELL BEFORE THE
SCM. VANCE

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